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my farm on the 6th of April three miles east
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AUGUST WITZKE.

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desire to have gelded will please communi-
cate with the undersigned, who is an expert,
having had many years' experience in the
line. Refers to J. M. Logan, and Jno. W.
Harrell, Bellevue; and J. M. Adams, Bel-
grade.
JNO. GALLAHER,
mar22-3m Edge Hill, Mo.

My Horse and Jack have been moved from
Dixon's in Arcadia, to Speck's livery stable,
Ironton, where they will stand every day
during the ensuing season, Sundays excepted.
JOHN M. DALE.

April 17th, 1888.

PRESIDENT MACUNE'S ADDRESS

TO THE
National Farmers Alliance at Shreve-
port, La., October 12, 1887.

Brothers of the Farmers National Al-
liance and Co-operative Union of
America:

This is indeed an auspicious occasion.
It is the first session of this body; and
this body is the first organization of the
real cotton raisers ever inaugurated on a
plan calculated to assist the poor
cotton raiser when the price of that staple
is not equal to the cost of producing it.

This is a gathering of representa-
tive men from ten states; men who
represent the greatest of all industries,
the agricultural, assembled here, not
merely for the pleasure or emolument
to be gained by their attendance, but I
trust imbued with proper conceptions
of the great responsibility resting upon
them, to live to the conditions of the
times, and firmly resolved to work
to the proper and true solution
of how to relieve the depressed
condition of agriculture in our beautiful
country, and when found, to stand
shoulder to shoulder in one solid phalanx,
till the effort is crowned with victory.

As the first legislative body ever
convened in the order, you will have
a great work to perform, and the future
prosperity of this great movement is
therefore, largely in your hands. Your
attention is called to the causes that
combined, created the necessity for this
organization.

The plan on which or-
ganization has been effected, comprising
the Organic Law of the order, both
written and unwritten, also the objects
and conditions it is expected to achieve,
in the event that success attends the
effort.

The laws to be made by this
body will be statutory and will be based
upon and explanatory of the Organic
Law; they should be prompted by the
necessities that gave rise to the exist-
ence of the order, and executed with a
spirit of devotion to the objects we seek
to achieve, bounded only by the limit
of possibility.

Mr. Garvin, in his history of the Al-
liance in Texas, says, that it was started
somewhere between 1870 and 1875, in
Lampas county, by a number of
farmers, who associated themselves to-
gether in a defensive league, to resist the
encroachments of land sharks, who pro-
posed to rob them of their homes.

The history of the move from its incep-
tion to 1886, was not attended with much
interest. It had grown by August, 1885,
to the number of about 700 subordinate
Alliances, and had changed its objects
and workings, until they resembled
very closely those of the present. From
August 1885 to August 1886, a most
prodigious growth was recorded; the
increase was about 2000 sub-alliances.

Among the reasons for this rapid
growth, and probably one of the most
potent, was the fact that all other oc-
cupations were either organized, or
were rapidly organizing, and the farm-
ing interest was left unprotected, and
therefore, unorganized; therefore the ne-
cessity for organization for self de-
fense. Again, the results of combination
had reduced the price of all products
farmers had to sell to such an extent,
that in many cases they would not pay
hiring's wages to the one who pro-
duced them, and were really grown at
a loss.

The rule was, that a year spent
in the most vigorous labor for one's
economy, would with good manage-
ment yield a bare subsistence, and in
many cases yielded less; and would
finally result in a surrender of the farm
to the mortgagee, and the farmer's ad-
dition of one more family to the army
of renters. It seemed to be an
admitted fact, that organization was
the only hope of the farmer, and as
the Alliance was presented as strictly
a farmers organization, its ranks
were rapidly filled with all those who
felt disposed to unite and resist the en-
croachments of other organizations, and
who realized that it required organ-
ization to meet organized power. Such
large numbers joining a secret organi-
zation in so short a time, rendered prop-
er instructions as to the principles and
objects of the order imperative, and con-
sequently many joined who were not as
well posted as they should have been
and vast differences were entertained
as to the policy to be pursued in order
to accomplish with speed and certainty
the object of the order.

Some contended that the only hope
was in the ballot box, and that united
political action was the only way for
the Alliance to ever to accomplish any-
thing others realizing the danger to
American institutions, by the introduc-
tion of a secret political party, contended
that we must eschew politics alto-
gether, and that the Alliance was a
civilian and benevolent organization,
calculated to make man a better farmer
and a better neighbor. Others had
different conceptions; some that it
would make farmers better orators;
some that it would stop horse stealing;
some that it would make all its mem-
bers truthful and honest; and the con-
tention between the different factions
was beginning to assume alarming
proportions, and it was feared that the
called session of the Farmers State
Alliance of Texas was held in the city
of Waco, in January last. One object
of that called meeting was, to devise
a plan by extending the work into
other states. The Louisiana State
Alliance, which had met just prior to that
time, had elected and sent to that
meeting a delegate, to co-operate with
the State Alliance of Texas in the ex-
tension of the work. It was there
shown that there was already in exist-
ence an organization in the northwest-
ern states calling itself the National
Farmers Alliance; but that it was a
very loose organization, and was non-
secret, that the door to membership
was too wide for it to meet the wants
of the times in the south. It was
further shown, that that body, but
those most interested in farming should
ever be admitted. It was, after a full
investigation, decided that the organiza-
tion as it existed in Texas, and the
other parts of the south, in which it
had spread from and by the authority
of the Texas Alliance, could accomplish
nothing by joining the National Farm-
ers Alliance of the Northwest, and in-
stead of the south, the cotton belt of
America was a circumscribed country,
there was a necessity for a National
organization of those residing in the
cotton belt, to the end that the whole
of cotton raisers might be united for
self protection. This was a grand
conception, and one susceptible of re-
sults beyond our expectations. It was,
therefore, decided to organize in con-
nection with Louisiana a National
Farmers Alliance and Co-operative

Union of America. To make it a strong
National order, with the one great bat-
tle cry of co-operation as the universal
principle upon which all could unite.
Co-operation in its broadest sense, that
is, that we will assist one another, in
bearing the crosses and burdens of life,
that we will intelligently put together
in everything; in buying and selling,
in producing and consuming. There
is a necessity for enlightened co-opera-
tion in everything; leaving local issues
for local or state Alliances to settle.

The necessity for the extension of the
work lay in the fact that other states
were suffering from the same evils as
Louisiana, and that the interests of
cotton producers were identical, and the
evils from which they were suffering
generally, the greatest good could not
be effected without uniting the
whole cotton belt. It was necessary to
the local business experiments already
commenced, that they be made gener-
al, and be participated in by all, in or-
der that they prove a greater success.
Single towns or counties could not in-
augurate a move that would affect the
cotton business much, and a whole
state could not accomplish as much
acting alone as it could in conjunction
with the other States. It will be seen
then that in the organization of this
National association, the object was to
organize the agriculturists of the cot-
ton belt for business purposes, and that
purpose has been carried out. But it
has been found to give sufficient scope to
the ability of all, and that the dissen-
sions spoken of in the early history of
the order, in regard to politics and other
subjects have been entirely dropped, and
given place to an enlightened effort to
accomplish something grand—a business
organization.

If we look back through the history of
this and other countries, we will see
that some branches of industry have
always been knocking at the doors of
legislation, and when weak, begging
for class laws that would assist their
business efforts; if they were strong,
they would either demand or buy such
laws, but in either case they were too
often successful. It is proverbial that
the other two great classes of pro-
duction, the manufacturing and the
commercial, which includes railroads
and transportation lines, have been
largely built up to their present condi-
tion of wealth and prosperity by gov-
ernment favors and assistance. Now
if this be true, at whose expense has
the government done this, the farmer
only three classes of producers? It must
evidently have been at the expense of
the third class, which is the great agri-
c